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PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Docket: OT-4190B
Pedro S. Baranda, et al. : Date: May 14, 2001
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Title: ELEVATOR TRACTION SHEAVE (as Amended)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sirs:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please rewrite the title of the invention to read as follows:

-- ELEVATOR TRACTION SHEAVE --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 45 and 67 without prejudice to or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend claims 44, 49-51, 53, 54, 56, 66, 72, 73, 75, 76 and 78 to read as follows:

44. (Amended) A driven traction sheave for an elevator system, the elevator system including a car, a counterweight and a plurality of flat tension members interconnecting the car and the counterweight, each tension member having a width w , a thickness t measured in the bending direction, and a wide polyurethane engagement surface defined by the width dimension of the tension member, wherein each tension member has an aspect ratio, defined as the ratio of width w relative to thickness t , of greater than one, wherein the traction sheave comprises:

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